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Louisiana Crop Weather Summary



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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.9

Soil moisture supplies: 28% very short, 34% short, 30% adequate, and 8% surplus

Field Crops Report

Tropical Storm Lee hit Louisiana later in the week with much of the southern and central part of the state receiving anywhere from 5-10 inches of rain. Producers were busy harvesting crops prior to the landfall of Tropical Storm Lee. Corn harvest was completed and rice harvest was near completion. Soybean producers were concerned about the effects of the storm on mature beans. Preparation was made for possible applications of fungicides and insecticides following the storm. Sugarcane was damaged due to lodging. Sweet potatoes benefited from rains associated with Tropical Storm Lee.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers were scouting for insects. Vegetable producers continued planting and working fall crops. Strawberry producers were busy preparing fields for planting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattleman sprayed for armyworms and harvested hay as weather permitted.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS							
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG		
Corn	Harvested	100	95	97	87		
Cotton	Bolls Opening	84	70	88	73		
Hay	Second Cutting	97	94	96	92		
Rice	Ripe	96	89	94	94		
	Harvested	81	70	78	71		
Sorghum	Mature	100	98	100	98		
	Harvesting	96	89	92	82		
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	99	100	100		
	Turning Color	73	59	75	72		
	Dropping Leaves	55	37	60	57		
	Harvested	34	21	33	28		
Sugarcane	Planted	70	51	55	52		
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	9	4	8	11		

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES								
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT			
Cotton	5	24	35	29	7			
Soybeans	5	21	29	40	5			
Rice	2	3	21	43	31			
Sugarcane	9	15	39	33	4			
Livestock	5	11	40	41	3			
Vegetables	15	22	44	19	0			
Sweet Potatoes	6	5	21	68	0			
Pasture	19	21	42	16	2			

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